## Search Strategy Form

## Your own search

**Save this form and add to it at each step of the tutorial/search process**

For future reference, you may like to update steps 2 & 3 for all sites you search

Search URL ………………………………………

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| Step | Prompting questions | Your response |
| 1 | What topic are you looking for? How can this best be described in a sentence? |  |
| 1 | What terms would you use to describe your topics? |  |
| 1 | List any natural pairs or groups (synonyms, abbreviations and full term, variant spellings) |  |
| 1 | What results would you like from your search? e.g. quantity, type, origin, format |  |
| 1 | List any sites other than Google Scholar you would like to search. You can come back to these to modify your search later |  |
| 2 | Look back at the terms you identified. Which Boolean operators best link them? | AND (with all the words):  OR (with at least one of the words):  NOT (without the words): |
| 2 | Write out a search you could use in Google Scholar. How you do this depends on whether you plan to use the advanced search option |  |
| 3 | What kind of results did you find? Too many results? Too few results? |  |
| 3 | How would you modify your search to run it again? |  |